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[epa\_bristolbay] EPA seeks scientist nominations for Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment peer review panel

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On Feb. 24, EPA launched the process to nominate qualified scientists for an external peer review panel that will evaluate EPA's draft Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment. The nomination period runs from Feb. 24 to March 9.

Nominees for the peer review panel should have background knowledge and expertise in one or more of the following areas:

- Mining, particularly porphyry copper
- Salmon fisheries biology
- Surface, subsurface or watershed hydrology
- Aquatic ecology
- Biogeochemistry
- Seismology
- Ecotoxicology
- Wildlife ecology
- Indigenous Alaskan cultures

An independent contractor will accept nominations online.

Final peer review panel members will be selected by the contractor based upon the following criteria:

- Demonstrated expertise through relevant peer reviewed publications
- Professional accomplishments and recognition by professional societies
- Demonstrated ability to work constructively and effectively in a committee setting
- Absence of financial conflicts of interest
- No actual conflicts of interest or the appearance of bias
- Willingness to commit adequate time for a thorough review of the assessment report commencing in late April 2012
- In-person participation at a peer review panel meeting in Anchorage, Alaska in August 2012

To submit a nomination, visit this website:

<http://www.versar.com/epa/bristolbaynominationform.html>

To view the Federal Register Notice, visit:

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-02-24/html/2012-4325.htm>

To read EPA's press release announcing the peer review nomination process, visit:

[http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/names/r10\\_2012-2-](http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/names/r10_2012-2-)

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For more information about EPA's assessment of Bristol Bay, visit:  
[www.epa.gov/region10/bristolbay](http://www.epa.gov/region10/bristolbay)

For more information about the EPA peer review process:  
<http://www.epa.gov/peerreview/>

Thank you for your interest in EPA's work in Bristol Bay. Please send questions to the project team at [R10BristolBay@epa.gov](mailto:R10BristolBay@epa.gov)

If your organization has a website, please feel free to add a link to our EPA Bristol Bay website: [www.epa.gov/region10/bristolbay](http://www.epa.gov/region10/bristolbay)

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